

Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)
Steering Committee Meeting
August 10, 2007, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Resources Agency Bldg., Room 1131

Draft Meeting Notes

Associated documents/handouts:

- Agenda
- Steering Committee (SC) 7/13/07 Draft Meeting Notes
- Handout #1- Conservation Strategy Options Evaluation Annotated Outline
- Handout #2- Example Results Summary table
- Handout #3- Example Stressor Diagram
- Handout #4- Example Metrics, Tools, and Scales for Biological Criteria
- Handout #4b- Example Metrics, Tools, and Scales for Flexibility/Sustainability/Durability Criteria
- Handout #5- Example Display of Criteria Evaluation Results: Biological Criteria for Covered Fish Species “X”
- Articulation of Delta Initiatives Timeline prepared by the CALFED Bay-Delta Program
- Science Facilitation team handout: Memorandum announcing BDCP Independent Science Advisory Workshop, to be held 9/12-9/14 in Sacramento.

Action Items and Key Decisions

- An addendum to the Delta Vision submittal made by several members will be supplemented with a statement confirming their commitment to the BDCP Planning Agreement goals.
- Members will send comments on the proposed Science Workshop agenda and format to Science Facilitators by 8/24
- BDCP members will present the current process and CS Options at the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force meeting on 8/30
- Members agreed to continue BDCP process in good faith

Updates

CALFED Science Workshops

Two upcoming CALFED Science Workshops on August 27 (Isolated Facility) and September 11 (“Eco-crescent” proposal, also known as “Delta Corridors” or “Split Delta”). Workshop goals are to identify issues associated with conveyance, better understand ecosystem benefits of the Delta management options, then learn about current models and tools available to do an assessment of conveyance options.

Delta Vision

Presented by John Kirlin (Executive Director, Delta Vision Task Force).

Delta Vision operates pursuant to Governor’s executive order as an independent body, with the goal of formulating a strategic plan by 2008. BDCP, DRMS, and other related processes will complement and fill in the Delta Vision (DV) plan. Management teams from the various processes are meeting regularly and working to ensure congruence among the processes. This is achieved through 1) regular communications, 2) common understanding of science, 3) open processes.

Delta Vision consists of two groups, the Blue Ribbon Task Force (seven members, policy-oriented), and the Stakeholder Group (43 stakeholders, Leo Winternitz from CALFED is the lead).

August 30-31: Delta Vision Stakeholder Coordinating Group meetings.

- 8/30- Public meeting, review of 29 submitted plan options, including BDCP Conservation Strategy Options.
- 8/31- Drafting a vision for the Task Force.

The Task Force will receive and review the vision drafted by the Stakeholder Coordinating Group. Task Force charge is broad, with 11 factors to consider (e.g., environmental protection, land use, emergency response, drinking water quality). They are also charged with prioritizing those services and values. The Task Force will make its first set of recommendations to the Governor in early October, and will make recommendation to the legislature and the governor on November 30.

BDCP communication process (not included on agenda)

A subset of BDCP members submitted a vision document to Delta Vision for review at 8/30 Stakeholder Coordinating Group meeting. Some other members of the SC contended that the content of that document is not congruent with the BDCP Planning Agreement goals. The members that submitted the document will add a clarification statement stating that their goals are in accordance with the Planning Agreement of BDCP. See also Action Items and Key Decisions.

Karen Scarborough asked for confirmation from all members that they are acting in good faith and wish to continue to engage in negotiated agreement with the goal of permitting water facilities for the Delta. All members agreed.

Meeting Notes

Tabled for review at 8/24 SC meeting.

Conservation Options Evaluation Report update

Presented by Pete Rawlings, Chuck Hanson, and Armin Munevar (SAIC consultant team).

Handouts 1-5 were reviewed (see Associated documents/handouts), including an annotated outline, preliminary hydrodynamic modeling results, and presentation style. Timeline for the products was also discussed; report is due 8/30. BDCP will present the process at the Delta Vision 8/30 meetings.

Independent Science Process

Presented by Wayne Spencer, Bruce DiGennaro, and Ann Hayden (co-chair). Science Workgroup has hired facilitators (B. DiGennaro as lead coordinator and W. Spencer as technical lead) and a lead scientist (Denise Reed), developed a process for independent science input into the BDCP process, confirmed list of science advisors that will participate in an initial science workshop, and has begun planning for that science workshop.

The Science Workgroup will form a small group consisting of a few of their members, headed by Kim Delfino and Tom Birmingham, in order to be more nimble in decision-making and serve as point of contact with the facilitators.

Science Workshop planning update:

- Date and location: 9/12-9/14 at the Ryde Hotel. Advisors are confirmed, with membership representing the full range of expertise recommended by Science Workgroup. Expertise column matches what was received from workgroup.
 - 9/12: Orientation (open to the public) followed by field trip and briefing for scientists.
 - Discussions in afternoon, homework that night. Maybe a dinner.
- 9/13-9/14 issue-specific sessions. Writing assignments each night, key recommendations while people are still in the room.

The facilitators will be sending workshop information to the scientists by end of next week, and asked that SC members send comments and suggestions before 8/24.

Hydrodynamic modeling for CS Options Evaluation

Presented by Armin Munevar and Chuck Hanson (SAIC consultant team). Presentation of modeling methods and results of Options analysis completed to date, with emphasis on comparing Option 1 and Option 4 results.

Public Comments

No public comments made today.

Next Meeting

Friday, 6/24/07. Same time and location.

Meeting attendees

By phone

Michael Bean (Environmental Defense)

Doug Wallace (East Bay MUD)

Will Stelle (Resources Agency)

Representatives

Karen Scarborough (Resources Agency)

Steve Thompson (FWS)

Roger Patterson (MWD)

Kenny Watkins (CFBF)

Walt Wadlow (Santa Clara Valley Water District)

Dale Myers (Zone 7)

Frank Michny (USBR)

Campbell Ingram (TNC)

Leo Winternitz (CALFED)

Greg Thomas (NHI)

Richard Roos-Collins (American Rivers/NHI)

Kim Delfino (Defenders of Wildlife)

Ann Hayden (Environmental Defense)

Greg Gartrell (Contra Costa Water District)

Jerry Johns (DWR)

Carl Wilcox (DFG)

Ted Meyers (NMFS)

Ara Azhderian (SLDMWD)

Jason Peltier (Westlands)

Pete Rawlings (SAIC)

Laura King Moon (State Water Contractors)

Marc Ebbin (The Resources Agency/DWR)